Price support operation for Eggs

2724. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NAFED propose to undertake price support operation for eggs in the state of Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Punjab;

(b) whether it is also a fact that none of the concerned States have come forward to bear their 50 per cent share of the loss, if any; and

(c) whether Government propose to take any action to prevail upon the State Governments to fulfil their share of responsibility in the operation of the price support scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) There is no price support operation for eggs. However, a Market Intervention Scheme for eggs has been approved for implementation through National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED) which will be applicable in the whole of the country but to start with and as an experimental measures, the Scheme may be introduced in any or all of the States of Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Punjab during the current financial year 1988-89 in the event of fall below the approved market intervention price.

(b) In the Market Intervention Scheme for eggs sanctioned in the year 1987-88, losses if any were to be borne 50 per cent by the National Eggs Coordination Committee (NECC), 25 per cent by the Government of India and balance 25 per cent by the State Government concerned. As the State Government did not come forward to bear 25 per cent of losses the NECC offered to bear the share of State Governments and therefor the schemes was modified during the current year according to which 75 per cent of the losses have to be borne by the NECC and the 25 per cent by the Central Government.

(c) In accordance with the approved Market Intervention Scheme for eggs during the current year the State Governments have not to bear any portion of the losses. However, the Central Government has taken up the matter with the State Governments to bear a certain portion of losses by them as a long term measure.

Proprietory Ingredients of the pepsico project

2725. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is meant by Proprietory Ingredients in the letter of Intent issued to Punjab-Agro where it is mentioned that "No proprietory ingredients" will be permitted to be imported; and

(b) whether these items are available locally?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Proprietory ingredients are ingredients, the manufacture, sale and use of which are restricted by being patent or trade mark etc.

(b) No, Sir.

Rationale for import of oilseeds etc.

2726. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state what is the rationale behind allowing firms with foreign collaborations to import oilseeds, pulses and coarse cereals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY of AGRICULTURE (SHRI